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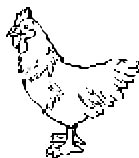
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak throughout the country. Retail and food service demand was sluggish with best draw noted into feature activity. Supplies of all sizes were readily available with discounting prevalent where product was burdensome. In the parts structure, dealers remained cautious and selective and continued to work from balanced floor stocks. Breast items were ample and attractively priced to stimulate movement. Tenderloins and wings ranged adequate to balanced in the Northeast, but were available elsewhere. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 63.75 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 66.50 cents last year on September 26, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.50
BREASTS - B/S	146.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	63.00
LEG QUARTERS	19.00
WINGS	57.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand into all channels was slow and unaggressive with regular commitments usually sufficient to handle limited needs. Supplies of all sizes were more than adequate and frequently discounted to help clear. In the parts structure, trading was light. Breast items were in the longest position and often burdensome and lower priced to stimulate interest. Wings were available, and dark meat was easy to obtain. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was very light as dealers continued to maintain closely balanced inventories and occasionally assumed extra product only when sharply discounted. Offerings of all sizes were ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally sluggish. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, breast items continued ample and discounted. Leg quarters, tenderloins, wings and were at least sufficient, but clearing. The balance of cuts were fully sufficient.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was weak. Offers were ample for the non-aggressive trade interest; fill-in trading noted into Chicago on Wogs at 31 cents. Movement into retail centers was lackluster. Food service demand was struggling and mostly slow, instances fair. Floor stocks were adequate to abundant. Weights generally desirable to heavier than desired. Trading on parts items was limited as buyers continue to work off adequate inventories. Parts supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was generally steady on dark meat items, unsettled on tenders and barely steady to weak on the balance of items.

WESTERN The market tone was barely steady. Offerings were ample with discounts reported as commonplace in the hopes of stimulating an only fair buying interest. Retailer demand was fairly good overall best to cover store features and fast food specials. Floor stocks adequate overall. Trade sentiment barely steady on parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 09/21/02	2002	2001	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	190,675	199,865	-05
CHICKS PLACED	165,442	166,119	0

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 191 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 21, 2002. This was down 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 21, 2002. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 21, 2002 were 6.44 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 2-Nov-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.37 CENTS PER POUND.

SEPT 24, 2002

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPT 25, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	895	120.00-202.00	125-132	130.49
TENDERLOINS	146	130.00-190.00	130-133	141.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	78.00-87.00	78-80	81.23
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	391	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.85
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,408	17.00-26.00	18-20	19.38
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	57.00-63.00	57-58	58.39
WINGS (CUT)	448	68.00-83.00	68-70	72.65
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	868	118.00-202.00	128-134	134.15
TENDERLOINS	136	133.00-190.00	133-135	146.87
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	74.00-81.00	75-78	76.82
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	431	15.00-18.00	16	15.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,208	17.00-26.00	18-20	19.05
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	57.00-63.00	57-59	59.06
WINGS (CUT)	429	68.00-83.00	68-70	71.90
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.50 - 37.50	36.29	35.00 - 38.50	37.31	37.84

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity remained limited as buyers monitored the unsettled market and only assumed extra product where attractively priced. Offerings of breast items continued ample and discounted. Leg quarters, tenderloins and wings were at least adequate, but clearing. The balance of cuts were fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally sluggish. The market tone was weak on breast items, steady on leg quarters, tenderloins and wings, and no better than steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES **SEPT 24, 2002** **SEPT 25, 2002**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	135.63	413,640
TENDERLOINS	125-130	127.68	133,257
BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67	72.72	227,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	66	69.04	93,600
LEGS	31-32	33.63	112,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.13	406,763
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	27.09	168,180
THIGHS	20-21	31.48	62,760
B/S THIGHS	62-63	64.04	66,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	66.86	152,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	31,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.69	19,410
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.60	13,535

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	137.20	314,400
TENDERLOINS	125-130	132.95	165,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	66.78	195,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	65.71	144,200
LEGS	31-32	33.58	104,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.91	210,756
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	26.27	91,750
THIGHS	20-21	31.20	17,460
B/S THIGHS	62-63	62.96	83,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	63.45	134,030
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.14	42,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.76	10,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	61.21	12,120

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/25	09/24	09/23	09/20	09/23
ALA	3,983	4,113	4,046	4,001	5.14
ARK	5,420	5,438	5,256	5,526	5.11
DELMARVA	2,347	2,371	2,295	2,419	5.22
KY-LA-TN	2,015	2,014	2,008	1,877	4.66
MISS	2,912	2,637	2,915	2,934	5.42
NC	2,552	2,637	2,593	2,659	6.02
TEXAS	2,466	2,468	2,490	2,648	4.97
TOTAL	21,695	21,678	21,603	21,942	5.22
MON-WED	65,229(A)				5.01

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Sep 02 and is estimated to be 32,458,000 up 0.27 percent from a week ago and up 2.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,372,000; last year 31,800,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 28-SEP-02

	CURRENT WEEK 09/28/02 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/21/02
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	162,159(2)	162,990
LT HENS	1,996	2,015
HVY HENS	1,611	1,730
CHECK TOTAL	165,766	166,735

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Sep-02 is 158.0 million head compared 162.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.5 million head or 4.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 05-Oct-02 the estimated available is 157.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 23-SEP-02	209,225	76,665
AM 01-SEP-02	216,327	71,124
CHG	-7,102	5,541
PCT CHG	-3	8

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/23/02	09/16/02	09/24/01	09/23/02	09/16/02	09/24/01
PACIFIC						
COAST	30,872	31,186	27,885	6,068	6,008	3,324
LOS						
ANGELES	1,378	1,330	3,724	4,047	3,910	2,003

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 9/24/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	1.15	.57
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.70	-
BANTAMS lb.	.35	.50	.39
BROILERS lb.	-	.30	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.40	1.35	.67
GEESE lb.	.40	.65	.52
TURKEYS lb.	.30	.75	.48
DUCKS lb.	.40	1.00	.79
RABBITS lb.	.45	1.20	.87
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	1.75	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS 141			

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending September 20, 2002

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	55.39	124.06	79.76	17.72	17.72	55.39
High	62.03	132.93	88.62	22.15	22.15	55.39
Mostly	57.60	132.93	88.62	17.72	22.15	55.39

SAN JUAN

Low	60.26	119.63	79.76	22.15	12.85	50.96
High	62.03	128.50	84.19	26.59	15.51	50.96
Mostly	61.15	124.06	81.97	22.15	14.62	50.96

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	54.50	124.06	79.76	13.29	17.72	53.17
High	61.15	132.93	88.62	22.15	22.15	53.17
Mostly	57.60	126.28	81.97	17.72	22.15	53.17

BECERRA

Low	60.70	124.06	84.19	22.15	13.29	53.17
High	62.92	132.93	93.05	31.02	17.72	53.17
Mostly	62.92	126.28	84.19	26.59	15.51	53.17

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained sluggish and was insufficient in satisfactorily clearing readily available offerings. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 49 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment continued weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate. Tenders and wings were in best balance. Boneless/skinless and bone-in breasts were ample and slow to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA BRANDED

	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	41-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.83
NO. OF BOXES	7,224

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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